
Robert H. Whittaker Award: Simoneta Negrete-Yankelevich and Ezatollah Karami



Simoneta Negrete-Yankelevich

Ecología A.C. (INECOL), in Xalapa, Veracruz, Mexico. Her research focuses on soil ecology, its application to indigenous agroecosystems, and spatial ecology. She has a very active research career and many high-profile accomplishments. Ezatollah Karami, a professor at Shiraz University in Iran, does applied research in agroecology and water sustainability. The selection committee was impressed with his contributions, and welcomes the reintegration of outstanding ecologist colleagues from Iran after that country's many years of isolation.

The **Whittaker Award** recognizes an outstanding ecologist in a developing country who does not currently reside in the United States and is not a U.S. citizen. The award is open to ecologists at any career stage and covers expenses up to \$1,200 for travel to the United States for research or to attend a meeting. Simoneta Negrete-Yankelevich is an outstanding researcher (equivalent to “senior scientist” at U.S. institutions) at the Instituto de



Ezatollah Karami